

**Celebrate National Dam Safety Awareness Day,
Keep Dams Safe and Enjoy Their Benefits**

Today is National Dam Safety Awareness Day. In Nebraska, there are nearly 3,000 dams providing water, power, flood control, recreation, and economic opportunities to Nebraska citizens and communities. Many of these dams have been in place for many years and have blended into the familiar landscape of Nebraska and the benefits they provide are often taken for granted.

There has never been a major dam failure resulting in loss of life in Nebraska and there are many professionals working to keep it that way. Dams in Nebraska are routinely inspected by local, state, and federal officials to assure they are adequately and safely maintained. Dam owners are required to have an emergency action plan in place for their dam if failure of their dam could lead to loss of life. In the event of a dam-related emergency, it is important that you know where dams are located in and around your community. To see if there are dams where you live, visit the Nebraska Dam Inventory at <http://dnr.nebraska.gov/dam/inventory>.

To find out more about National Dam Safety Awareness Day and the Nebraska Dam Safety Program, you can visit the following websites or contact the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources at 402-471-2363.

<http://www.damsafety.org/>
<http://engineeringstrongersafer.net/>
<http://dnr.nebraska.gov/>